

**Timber Hill Restoration Coalition
Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2008**

Call to Order: The meeting of the THRC was called to order on July 20, 2008, at 4:20 PM by Kris Roselle. The meeting was held at the home of John Lawson.

Attendance: Chris Hardwick-P, Mark Koeninger-A, John Lawson-P, Christine Matacic-P, Patti McDonald -P, David Robertson-A, Kristine Roselle-P, Jacki Uhler-P, Steve Welte-A, Jason Boerger-P. John Granville and Jason Lawson were also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the May 5, 2008 meeting of the THRC Board of Director's was made by Jacki Uhler and seconded by John Lawson. A motion to approve the May 5 minutes was made by John Lawson and seconded by Chris Hardwick. Both motions were accepted.

Officer Reports:

Chair-Grants and Other Funding: Kris Roselle met with the West Chester-Liberty Township Foundation and the Fairfield Community Foundation to see how THRC fits with the grants they offer. It was recommended that we start small and build a history before asking for a large grant. We should do a visible "feel good" project first like replace roofs, expand parking, or purchase wall tents. Both foundations seemed to like the idea of purchasing the wall tents. We could ask each foundation for two tents costing about \$1,000.00 each. Kris will pursue the grants having deadlines in the fall. Christine Matacic will assist Kris with the grant applications. Kris has a meeting with a First Financial trust officer next week. The board will ask Mark Koeninger to split the water project into 3-4 sections for possible grants. THRC received two \$1000.00 grants from Duke Energy. One grant was for the grills and the other was from the leadership project because Steve Welte, a Duke employee, serves on the THRC Board. Chris Hardwick will check with Proctor and Gamble for possible funds.

Secretary-Volunteer Hours: Patti McDonald is keeping track of the volunteer hours submitted by the board members. The total since the beginning of the year is 171 hours. Jason Lawson and Patti submitted volunteer hours.

Treasurer-Financial Report, 2008 Budget: There was no financial report. The balance is \$466.98 as of June 30 + \$2,000.00 in grants. Jacki is checking on a letter to be sent to Christian Beebe stating we received the plant sale banner with a fair market value of \$700.00 for \$150.00 fee. Jacki should be able to file the 990 epostcard with no late fees assessed.

MetroParks Update: Jason Boerger reported they are shutting off the water between each rental because someone turned the water on full force and allowed it to run. The well does a good job for now, but eventually we may switch to city water. But the plumbing needs to be replaced. Jason met with members of local Frisbee golf clubs and found out that our Frisbee golf goals are not suitable for their play. They also want to play part of their game in the woods. So the Frisbee course will remain at TH for now. Kevin Clements is currently managing Timber Hill. Jason is working mainly at VOA for a few more months. MetroParks may purchase a few dome tents, but is holding off for now. The lane has been regraded and will eventually be widened to 16 feet per agreement with the Ryans. The Ryans acknowledged the easement concerning the lane is valid and legal and agreed not to block the lane. MetroParks now has permission to go on to their property for repairs to unclog the drains. There is a way for the Ryans to file complaints concerning the maintenance of the lane. MetroParks has 6 months to

complete the widening of the lane using gravel from the ODOT allotment. The culverts may need to be cleaned out, not replaced. There are 2 new futons and 2 picnic tables in the Wagon Wheel lodge. WW needs a chimney cap or a damper. The Cub Scouts had day camp at TH last week. A group motor vehicle permit may be added to the group rental, 35 passes for \$175.00 for the week. \$70.00/day for the whole camp or \$10.00/site per day.

Other Business:

Plant Sale: We made more than the 2007 plant sale, but had more expenses this year (the banner), so our net was less. We need to solicit businesses for more flower baskets to sell next year. Christine Maticic used to "borrow" on consignment from nurseries. Jason suggested we contact nurseries that do not sell retail.

2008 Membership Donation Forms: Kris Roselle asked Jason Boerger for feedback on the THRC Membership Donation Forms. He replied that the MetroParks Board has only approved a 10% discount on camp rental for members.

Amendment to Bylaws: Tabled

Tracking Volunteer Hours, In-Kind Donations: We need to keep better records of the volunteer hours and in-kind donations from the Boy Scout Eagle projects. Kris Roselle will check the MetroParks bookshelf online for a form. We need more ideas for Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Projects. Patti suggested improving the fire circles at camp. Kris Roselle asked if we could solicit Baker Concrete for help improving the lane between hills.

Website Update: Jason Lawson showed the Board improvements in the THRC website. When Googled, Timberhill.org appears third in the list of websites. Kris Roselle suggested we add new pictures of the amenities, a news section, copies of forms, and Board minutes. The park registration links to the MetroParks site. Jason will approach his company to host/sponsor our THRC website.

Make A Difference Day: We would like to sponsor another work day at TH on MDD, October 25, 2008. We need to find projects for the volunteers to complete.

Next meeting date: The next meeting will be held Monday, September 8, 2008 at 3:30 PM at Wagon Wheel Lodge.

Adjournment: Christine Maticic moved that the meeting be adjourned and Chris Hardwick seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti W. McDonald, Secretary
August 22, 2008